



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
January 13, 2018
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 11:00 by President Larry Sturgeon.

The Colors were posted by members of the Color Guard.

Bill Teater led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge by the members was lead by Ken Lancaster.

The Invocation was lead by Norm Freyer.

The following guests were introduced by the President:

- Leander Rabun Battle – New Member (Sworn In)
- Thomas Smith Venard – Associate Member
- Joan Poe
- Lynn Booth
- Lee Cable
- Darlene Smith
- John Elley
- Vicki Brown
- Ken Custer – Associate Member
- Clark Battle
- Caleb Battle
- Joseph BeBout – Associate Member
- Patricia BeBout

New member introduced by the President:

- Arthur Burt – transfer from the Clearwater Chapter

REPORTS

- *Treasurer*
There was no report by the Treasurer. The President indicated that Dale Hash was currently acting as the Assistant Treasurer.
- *Registrar*
Vicki Brown presented the Registrar's report highlighting that the membership has grown to sixty seven members indicating that there was one application at National, two applications three applications signed, and one in signature. She also indicated that there were two applications for Supplementals and ten persons with interest in application.
- *Knight Essay Contest*
Norm Freyer gave an overview of the contest. He also indicted that Caleb Shepard had earned 1st Place in the Contest while Rachel Shepard had received 2nd place.
- *Americanism Poster Contest*
Norm Freyer provided an overview of the contest and a brief history of the involvement by students in the community. He also indicted that there have been three hundred and eighteen posters received to date highlighting the 2018 theme.
- *Color Guard*
Russell Gibson, Commander, highlighted events where the Color Guard participated which including Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery in Bushnell. He also indicated that the Color Guard would be participating in an upcoming St Patrick's Day Parade at Clover Leaf Farms.
- *Web Page*
No Report
- *Veterans*
Bill Teater gave an overview of Veterans Week activities. He also spoke of the upcoming Military Memorial Presentation in Inverness. The presentation of a new sculpture will be unveiled during the event to be held in Inverness at the City Hall Complex on January 20th at 11:00. All were encouraged to attend.
- *Old or Unfinished Business*
- *New Business*
The President discussed a new "Flag Certificates" initiative. The purpose is to identify individuals or businesses flying the American flag for purposes of communicating Patriotism and our National Freedoms. Chapter members identifying individuals or businesses meeting the criteria should forward the information to Jack Townsend.

Individuals or businesses that fly flag(s) to "attract business" that are clearly not for the stated purpose should not be included in this effort.

The meeting concluded with the following announcements:

The next Executive Board Meeting February 1, 2018 @ 1:00

The next Board of Management Meeting February 3, 2018 (Orlando)

The next General Meeting February 10, 2018 @ 11:00

The meeting was adjourned at 13:45

Note:

Members in Attendance - 26

Guests in Attendance - 13